

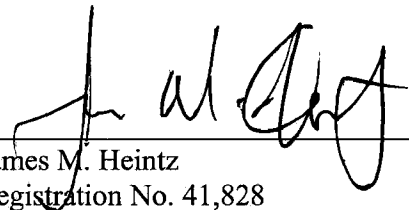
## REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Stahl for indicating that Claims 2-11, 16-20, 31-34, 41, and 44 are allowable. The claims have been amended accordingly: the rejected claims have been canceled, and only the allowed claims remain pending. This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass this application to issue.

If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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